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**A LETTER**  
FROM  
An eminent Commander in Sir  
Thomas Fairfax Army, to severall worthy  
Members of the Honourable House of  
Commons assembled in Parliament.

Dated at Marlton, within a mile and little more of  
Oxford, May 24. 1645.

Wherein is fully related the returne of Lieu-  
tenant Gen. Crumwell, and Major Gen. Brown, and  
their joyning with Sir Thomas Fairfax  
at Marlton aforesaid.

The Lord Gorings returne into Gloucester-  
shire, the Kings forces advance into Darbyshire,  
Secretary Nicholas his Letter intercepted, the  
taking of Philpos the Kings Harrold at Armes, and  
sundry other Doctors. The taking of Wolvercote  
house, which the enemy set on fire, but was  
quenched by our forces, and therein the  
Deputy-gouverneur, divers other  
prisoners, and all their Armes  
and Ammunition.

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SIRs,

 He last night Sir *Thomas Fairfax* our Generall came to Marston, within a mile and little more of Oxford, the 22 of *May* instant, where Lieutenant Generall *Crumwell* and Major Generall *Browne* met him, the Foot were quartered in severall Towns about a mile and halfe from Oxford, our Horse-guards and Per-

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dues within twice Musket-shot  
of the Workes. The enemy  
hath drowned the meddowes as  
much as they can, and fired the  
Suburbs, and have burnt a Corn-  
mill the last night, and this mor-  
ning set on fire a Garrison at  
VVolvercoate which they had  
within a mile, which is burning  
at the writing hereof. They in-  
tended to have burnt the Towne,  
and other Townes hereabouts,  
but our Forces being possessed  
thereof, have prevented their  
evill intentions. Yesterday, as  
our Generall was on the Bow-  
ling-greene viewing the workes  
at Magdalen-Colledge, a Bullet  
weighing eight pound was shot  
at him, but went over his head  
and

and did no hurt to any of the rest, though hee stood within twice Musket-shot of the VVorkes; this day hee was within twice Pistoll-shot of the VVorkes at the other end of the Towne, but they were sparing of Powder. The Souldiers are intrenching their head Quarters and making a bridge over the water, to hold a correspondence with the other Forces on the other side of the River. *Goring* is come into Gloucestershire, wee expect his Horse suddenly: yet if yee send Auxiliaries from London and other Counties, wee make no doubt to make short worke of the busynesse, either by gaining of the Towne, or by being Masters of  
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the field, if the enemy advance to  
fight with us.

This day, *May* the 24. we have  
intelligence that the Kings For-  
ces are advanced into Derbyshire,  
and so Northward, as wee con-  
ceive, if the besieging of Oxford  
divert not their intentions; letters  
from Secretary *Nicholas* were  
this day intercepted, the princi-  
pallest matter they contained  
was intelligence of passages in  
both Houses. The Lord *Cotting-  
ton*, the Earle of *Dorset*, and all the  
Lords and Gallants beare Armes  
in Oxford. VVee have taken  
*Philpot* the Harrold, and some  
stragling Doctors that were fear-  
full of a siege. As soone as the  
bridges be made, (the want of  
boats

boats much retarding the service) there will bee communication from one Quarter to another, and then fit for making approaches neerer. VVe quenched the fire yesterday, and took the Deputy-Governour and all the Armes and Ammunition in the house at VVolvercoate before the fire got to it.

The Generall going to Burstall house to view the workes, and to settle a guard to keepe the garrison Souldiers within, that the passage might be open betweene Alisbury and the Army, and so to London, Captaine *Flemming* Adjutant generall of Horse was shot in the belly, we thinke mortall, he adventured further then his

his Commission, and the unruliness of his Horse brought him among the enemy unawares, he was a very active and stout Gentleman.

*Marston, May 24. 1645.*

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